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4 MORE YEARS



Obama defeats Republican Challenger Mitt Romney, winning Ohio, Wood County again

By Tyler Buchanan
In Focus Editor

The people have spoken. Four more years. Incumbent President Barack Obama defeated Republican challenger Mitt Romney, securing at least 300 electoral votes on an election day that marks the end of a long, hard-fought presidential campaign.

Obama won the state of Ohio, a crucial swing state heavily campaigned by both candidates during this election.

The incumbent also picked up numerous other swing states that brought him to a victory, including Iowa, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Before he even made a victory speech, Obama addressed his supporters on Twitter.

"We're all in this together. That's how we campaigned, and that's who we are," Obama personally tweeted.

Wood County continued its string of correctly predicting the presidential winner, with Obama winning nearly 51 percent of the vote. Obama also won Wood County in the 2008 elections.

Sophomore Morgan Holliger, secretary of College Democrats and a political science major,

said a strong grassroots campaign helped contribute to Obama's success at the University and Wood County area.

With nearly 98 percent of Wood County precincts reporting in Tuesday night as of 1:00 a.m., Obama led by just more than 2,000 votes over Romney, according to the Wood County Board of Elections.

"We have had awesome students with the Obama campaign," Holliger said. "We have a great base of supporters."

Democratic First Ward Council Member Daniel Gordon said the Democrats had an advantage this election due to the strong political presence on campus.

"There has never been a more efficient and powerful ground game in American politics," Gordon said.

Gordon, who volunteered for Obama's campaign in 2008, said this election's efforts were successful due to the large numbers of student registrations and long lines to vote on campus.

Each state is designated an amount of electoral college votes proportional to its populations. While

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AS GOES OHIO, SO GOES THE NATION

THE DECIDING FACTOR:

Ohio was a deciding factor in pushing Incumbent President Barack Obama over into a second term. The 18 electoral votes were crucial for Obama.

Wood County also went to Obama as it did in 2008

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK



US SENATE

Sherrod Brown (D) 2,600,323 votes

Josh Mandel (R) 2,327,539 votes

US HOUSE

Bob Latta (R) 186,473 votes

Angela Zimmann (D) 128,579 votes

OHIO SENATE

Randy Gardner (R) 99,889 votes

Jeff Bretz (D) 70,413 votes

OHIO HOUSE

Tim Brown (R) 30,146 votes

Kelly Wicks (D) 25,444 votes

ISSUE 1 VOTED DOWN

3,096,039 NO votes | 1,438,105 YES votes

ISSUE 2 VOTED DOWN

2,961,109 NO votes | 1,697,199 YES votes

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7,662 NO votes 6,984 YES votes

LIQUOR OPTION PRECINCT 010

PASSES

314 YES votes | 120 NO votes

LIQUOR OPTION PRECINCT 104

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459 YES votes | 265 NO votes

*ELECTION RESULTS

*All information is pulled from the Wood County Board of Elections results page and the Ohio Secretary of State results page. Results reported are projections based on a number of precincts that reported as of 1:00 a.m. Wednesday.

FALCONS TAKE ON BOBCATS

With the season heading down the home stretch, BG and Ohio face off as they battle for position in the MAC East. Both teams enter the game 4-1 in MAC play. See how the team is developing its game plan. | **PAGE 9**



MIRROR, MIRROR

What do you think qualifies as true beauty in people? Columnist Lydia Scott explores what truly makes someone beautiful. Is it what the mirror says or the personality and charm that should be counted most? | **PAGE 4**



DID YOU VOTE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

"Yes, my ancestors fought for this right."

Arika Fowler
Sophomore, Apparel Merchandise

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11:47 P.M.

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3:06 A.M.

A drug violation was reported in Lot K.

11:37 P.M.

Complainant reported a burglary at Kreischer Hall.

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FACULTY BRIEF

Faculty Senate approves early childhood education redesign

The University will revamp its early childhood education program during the next few years, combining it with intervention specialist studies to create an inclusive early childhood program.

Faculty Senate approved the proposal at its meeting Tuesday, with 55 members voting for it, two against it and two abstaining.

The inclusive early childhood program will be the first of its kind in Ohio, said Dawn Shinew, director of the School of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education and Human Development.

It will better prepare University graduates to meet children's needs in all-inclusive classrooms, where special needs children are integrated into traditional classrooms, she said.

"This is the direction we need to be moving in education," Shinew said. "Classrooms are increasingly diverse ... and that's a good thing, because it's reflective of the larger society."

College reserve funds will be used to cover costs of transitioning into the new program, including hiring additional faculty members for new courses.

The University will begin offering the inclusive early childhood program in fall 2013.

Sue Houston, vice provost for Undergraduate Education, also updated the senate Tuesday on several previously discussed policy changes.

The policies addressed class withdrawals, guest students, grade appeals and general education curriculum.

★ #ELECTIONS 2012 THE RACE FOR THE US HOUSE

Latta defeats Zimmann for US House seat

Latta humble about defeating Zimmann, excited to get back to work on budget in Washington

By Danae King
Campus EditorBob Latta (R)
US House Representative

Bob Latta will once again represent Ohio's 5th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Latta, who has served as representative for three terms, won re-election for his fourth term Tuesday.

"I think the numbers show we won overwhelmingly," said Matt Reger, chair of the Wood County Republicans. "[It shows] that people want him to be there."

Latta was projected to win against Angela Zimmann 186,473 votes for 57.24 percent to 128,579 votes for 39.31 percent, with Libertarian Candidate Eric Eberly getting 11,258 votes for 3.44 percent of the vote. All precincts in district five were reporting 100 percent except Lucas, Van Wert, Wood and Wyandot, according to the Ohio Secretary of State website.

In Wood County, Latta won 51.8 percent to Zimmann's 44.39 percent.

Latta said he is very humble and privileged to be able to represent the people of the 5th district, he said his campaign was successful because of hard work.

"I'm a firm believer in grassroots," Latta said. "We went out and worked hard in the district."

Reger said Latta is a great congressman.

"We won because Bob Latta has a proven electorate and has worked hard in Congress," Reger said. "It means that a person who has been clearly committed to working hard for them is still there in Congress."

Greg Robinette, the fourth ward councilman Bowling Green City council member and Republican, said he supports Latta.

"I think Bob's a great representative for the district, I fully support Bob and what he's doing in Washington," Robinette said.

Some students are also happy Latta will continue to represent the 5th district.

Mandy Wise, president of Students for Romney and a senior, said she thinks Latta has done a great job and said his plan to improve the economy and create jobs is a good one.

"I think part of being a conservative is that we know the economy is number one, you can't fix anything unless the economy is growing," Wise said. "Conservatives understand that growing economy has to be central point and everything else can grow from there. Conservatives

understand we have to cut back on spending."

As far as students are concerned, Wise said she thinks Democrats talk extensively about getting people to go to college but that they forget why students go to college — to get a job.

"If your goal of entering college is to graduate and get a job in your field of study ... You should vote for [Latta]," Wise said. "I just feel like especially when the economy is in this situation, we need a conservative in there."

Fifty-three percent of college graduates under 25 are either unemployed or underemployed, Latta said earlier this month.

Freshman Paige Pitts said this statistic scares her.

"I thought that was the whole reason to go to college, to get a degree to be successful," Pitts said.

The problem with liberals is that they talk all about college affordability, but not about why people go to college, Wise said.

"Republicans actually want to get in there and fix the problem," she said.

Latta's policies include making sure Americans have the jobs they want, reducing regulations, repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, balancing the budget and revising the tax code, Latta said.

Robinette said Latta has policies that help the economy and make jobs, which benefits everyone.

"I'm looking forward to a continuation of his conservative, fiscally responsible voice in Washington," Robinette said. "I think he's working hard to make sure Washington understands the issues that are important to us in northwest Ohio."

Reger said that even though he had hoped Mitt Romney would become president, he is glad Latta is representing Republicans in Congress.

"Bob's going to continue to be there to fight for things we're worried about," Reger said.

Latta said he's looking forward to getting back to Washington, balancing the budget through a Constitutional amendment and passing meaningful legislation that is going to create jobs.



MOLLY MCFADDIN | THE BG NEWS

ANGELA ZIMMANN said she enjoyed meeting voters and is looking forward to the next stage of her life.

After loss, Zimmann plans to continue serving community as University instructor, Lutheran pastor

By Tara Keller
Pulse Editor

Although Angela Zimmann hoped she would win a seat in the U.S. House, she is content with continuing on and doing what she loves.

"My whole platform was to serve the community," she said. "I've been honored to be a candidate and am overwhelmed by the amount of support I received."

The University instructor and Democratic candidate lost to Republican Incumbent Bob Latta by 57.24 percent (186,473 votes) to 39.31 percent (128,579 votes). All precincts in district five were reporting 100 percent except Lucas, Van Wert, Wood and Wyandot, according to the Ohio Secretary of State website.

In Wood County, Latta won 51.8 percent to Zimmann's 44.39 percent.

"I wish we would have had a debate, but that's all in the past now," she said. "It was an incredible race."

Zimmann said her future now lies in the opportunities outside of running for Congress.

"I will serve in whatever capacity I can," she said. "It depends on what opportunities comes up."

Those opportunities include continuing to serve as a Lutheran pastor and returning to the University in January to teach General Studies Writing.

"I look forward to being back with my students," she said.

Those students, and everyone else who helped out with the campaign, made the loss easier, she said.

"Over 100,000 people voted for me

and believed in this," she said. "I have no regrets."

Although Zimmann will not get a chance to be a member of Congress, she said she enjoyed meeting people around the district and working with her campaign staff.

Members of the Zimmann campaign included student volunteers from the University and members of the surrounding communities.

Volunteer Nicole D'Agostino said her young son Jonathan had a unique way of showing his support when he went trick-or-treating this past week.

"He refused to go into any houses with Romney or Latta signs," D'Agostino said.

Jonathan was not alone in his loyalty to Zimmann.

Chuck Massarolo interned with the campaign and said Zimmann would have represented the 5th district well if she had won.

"I think she would have been a great fit for the district," he said. "She would have done a great job in DC."

Going against Latta was a tough job to take on, he said.

"When you're going against the most conservative person in the U.S. House, it'd be a good fight," he said.

Massarolo thought Zimmann fought well and will keep fighting in other areas.

"She had a really good fight," he said. "You got to be proud of what she's done."

Zimmann said she was proud of herself, but was prouder of her staff.

"My entire staff was just amazing," she said. "We grew really close and we've all learned so much."

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OBAMA

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trailing in the popular vote, Obama continued to build his lead, winning large-count states of California, Illinois and New York.

Despite a losing effort, Students for Romney President

Mandy Wise said the group would dissolve into College Republicans but would be further motivated to continue fighting.

"People say 'thanks for what you're doing,'" Wise said.

President Obama will serve out the remainder of his term into 2013 and will be sworn in for his second presidential

term on Jan. 20, 2013.

For now, Obama supporters like Gordon may revel in the moment, enjoying the fruits of a months-long campaign which has seen Bowling Green visits from President Obama and Mitt Romney this year.

"I think this is a win for the American people, and I'm very

proud of all the young people who poured their hearts out into this," Gordon said.

Holliger said the victory marks a continued growth in the Democratic movement.

"We won Wood County, we won Ohio," she said. "Everyone's vote at Bowling Green mattered ... it definitely mattered."

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Brown defeats Wicks for seat in Ohio House



TIM BROWN, Republican Candidate (center), speaks to supporters at the Republican watch party at Grumpy Dave's Tuesday night.



KELLY WICKS, Democratic Candidate (center), speaks to supporters at the Democratic watch party at Cla-Zel Tuesday night.

After securing more than half the votes, Brown will represent Wood County

By Eric Lagatta
Reporter

Republican Wood County Commissioner Tim Brown defeated Democratic candidate Kelly Wicks to secure a seat in the Statehouse for the third district Tuesday night.

With all 97 precincts reporting, Brown led Wicks 30,146 votes for 51.7 percent to 25,444 votes for 43.7 percent, according to the Wood County Board of Elections.

"I'm honored to have this support," Brown said. "We'll celebrate tonight and get to work tomorrow."

Brown expressed relief about the end of the campaign.

"It'll be nice to wake up over the next several days and not worry about where I am on the campaign trail," he said.

Brown recognized the hard work his volunteers put forth throughout the campaign.

"This was a tremendous amount of work for a lot of people," he said. "Everyone took every minute of the campaign very seriously."

Campaign coordinator Megan Burke said she is proud of the way the cam-

paigned was run. She and the volunteers were able to communicate with many constituents, an important factor influencing the outcome of the election, she said.

"I'm very happy of the service I gave to Tim," Burke said. "[Constituents] giving us five minutes of their time at the door helped a lot."

Brown also further emphasized the grassroots nature of the campaign.

"Showing people that I'm there to listen was very helpful," he said.

Mayor Richard Edwards said Brown will bring a real knowledge of local government to the Statehouse.

"I frankly think that's missing in Columbus right now," Edwards said. "He would bring a new perspective."

Edwards has worked with Brown throughout Brown's 14 years as commissioner and said his experience will benefit him at the state level.

"I'm hoping there will be a stronger voice pointing out the importance of municipal government," he said.

"[Brown's] worked hard trying to understand the needs of local government and in

that process he's come to know the needs of Wood County."

Greg Robinette, 4th Ward city council member, said Brown will bring fiscal responsibility to the Statehouse.

"He's been a great commissioner. It'd be nice if he could bring some of that fiscal common sense to the General Assembly," Robinette said. "He can't help but build on the great experience he's had as commissioner."

As a state representative, Brown said he plans to promote business and create jobs for Wood County by reducing government regulations and keeping taxes low.

"I'm very happy for Commissioner Brown," Burke said. "He is going to do a phenomenal job representing the county."

After a tight race, Brown looks forward to his future in Columbus.

"We anticipated close races for a lot of us and that's kind of what we got," Brown said. "I am absolutely thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to represent you in the Statehouse."

By Alex Alusheff
City Editor

Despite going door-to-door all across the county and meeting more than 25,000 people, Democratic candidate Kelly Wicks came up short to his Republican opponent, Commissioner Tim Brown, in the race for the Ohio House.

With all 97 precincts reporting, Brown defeated Wicks 30,146 votes to 25,444 votes, giving Brown 51 percent of the vote to Wicks' 43 percent.

"You can only work so hard," Wicks said. "I'm a first-time candidate going against a county commissioner that's been re-elected four times; we were underdogs from the start."

While Wicks took a lead with early voting, he soon fell behind when 45 percent of the precincts reported Brown leading Wicks 17,542 votes to 15,174.

Mike Zickar, chair of the Wood County Democrats, said Wicks' campaign has been the closest he's seen in years.

"Kelly's campaign was amazing as a first-time run-

ner, and it was a great team effort against someone who has been on the ballot for some time," Zickar said.

Tim Brown has been Wood County Commissioner for 14 years.

"It's hard to beat that name recognition," Zickar said.

Even though they were defeated, Wicks and Campaign Manager Sam Melendez said they wouldn't have done anything different.

"It's been a good race," Melendez said. "We engaged the voters and talked to 25,000 citizens. We did it the right way and did not waste money on annoying TV ads, phone calls or hate mail."

Besides going door-to-door across the county, the campaign also encouraged voting by implementing golf carts taking students on campus to the Board of Elections to vote early, he said.

"We knew early voting was going to be important and we wanted to make it as easy as possible," Melendez said.

It was just as much as

"I'm a first-time candidate going against a county commissioner that's been re-elected four times; we were underdogs from the start."

Kelly Wicks | Democratic Candidate

about raising awareness to vote, he said.

Wicks said the support of the community was able to pull the team together and make the race a real game with him as a first-time candidate.

"I had a great time and I am proud of the team," Wicks said. "We were able to put real pressure on [the Republicans]."

While the race may be over, the coffee shop owner said he has a good business to fall back onto.

"Grounds For Thought opens at 6 a.m.," Wicks said. "Come in and buy a cup of coffee."

Issue 2 shot down by Wood County

Plans to form nonpartisan committee to redraw district voting lines fails by about 20 percent

By Stephan Reed
Forum Editor

Ohio Issue 2 was voted down by a significant margin Tuesday.

Issue 2 would have formed a 12-member commission to redraw state voting district lines.

With 97.9 percent of precincts reporting as of midnight, more than 60 percent of Ohioans voted against Issue 2 and nearly 40 percent voted for it.

If approved, the commission would have consisted of four Democrats, four Republicans and four Independent or nonpartisan citizens. The Ohio Appellate judges would have appointed

these members.

Because the issue was voted down, previous line drawing methods will continue.

"The state legislator draws the voting boundaries," said Russell Mills, an assistant professor of political science at the University. "The common conception today is that the legislator gets to pick their voters, because every 10 years, after the census, they draw the boundaries."

Ballot issues regarding voting district lines tend to surface after each census.

"Predominantly, they don't succeed that much," Mills said. "In America, we trust what was done before us."

The idea of a nonpartisan method of district drawing

sounded good, but it wasn't fool proof, said State Rep. Randy Gardner.

"If it were a Republican-only issue, it would not have gone down to defeat as it did because the Democrats have done well statewide," he said. "Obviously, it wasn't just Republicans who voted 'no.' There were some Democrats and Independents as well."

Lack of awareness of Issue 2 has also been blamed for its failing.

"There could have been more funding and more resources for Issue 2," said Daniel Gordon, 1st Ward council member. "Not a lot of people knew what it was and the ballot language was really tricky. We need reform and we

need to keep working on it."

The idea of redrawing voting district lines in a nonpartisan way may continue to be amended until politicians figure out a plan that works, Gardner said.

"We need congressional district reform," he said. "The problem is... many people saw that this didn't take the politics out of the process. Anytime we are going to change the constitution, we need to in a nonpartisan way."

Amending the existing practices seemed problematic, said voter Julie Gutierrez of Tontogany, Ohio.

"It was a no-brainer," Gutierrez said. "I could not see this issue passing this time around. It was just too risky."

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Did you vote? Why or why not?



KYLE WANDEL
Sophomore,
Accounting

"Yes; this is the first time I can vote."



SAMANDA MCGIFFIN
Freshman,
Aviation

"No; I kept putting off registering."



TIM KURNICK
Sophomore,
Sport Management

"Yes; my vote will make a difference."



CASSIDY SMITH
Freshman,
Nursing

"Yes; to pass the BG schools levy."

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Dig deeper to find true beauty, charm



LYDIA SCOTT
COLUMNIST

As I was perusing the Internet a few weeks ago, I stumbled upon a picture that I liked a lot. It was a sticker stuck to a mirror and read "WARNING: Reflections in this mirror may be distorted by socially constructed ideas of beauty."

A thought has struck me since then. Society has an extremely inaccurate view on what it claims can be beautiful, especially for females.

In order to be beautiful, society says females have to be thin, wear far too much makeup, be tan and have obnoxiously dyed and treated hair.

This is infuriating.

What is listed above does not make girls beautiful. It makes them, to a certain extent, fake. It is entirely possible to be gorgeous without plastering 10 tons of makeup on your face.

One of the most beautiful women I have ever seen is my friend Sarah. She doesn't apply a ton of makeup, isn't tan, eats whatever she wants and her hair, although it is dyed, doesn't look fake.

She looks like a real person who anyone can approach and her actions and words match each other. Also, her personality is phenomenal. She acts like a real person and she's true to who she is.

She stands as a true example of what should be beautiful.

Now, I want to clear something up before I have a horde of angry girls chasing after me. There is nothing wrong with dying your hair, being tan, thin or wearing too much makeup; these things can help to enhance natural attractiveness.

The issue is not in any of that; the issue lies in society saying only these girls get to be beautiful. There are far more important things that make someone beautiful than just being attractive.

A good personality, intellect and having purpose should all play into beauty. Think about these things next time you want to say something about whether or not someone you see is beautiful.

Personality is an additional aspect of what we

should consider in our equations of beauty.

A lady can be physically gorgeous (in a normal, non-societal way), but if her personality is hideous, that depletes her appeal.

Well, in actuality, it doesn't, but it really should.

It doesn't matter how striking a female is; her personality should apply to her overall charm. Bad characteristics should never be overlooked for something as shallow as external splendor.

Accordingly, girls shouldn't dumb themselves down to fit the stereotypical idea that beautiful women are not smart. Intelligence in and of itself is beautiful.

Similarly, most guys I've talked to say that they like a girl who has purpose and direction in her life. They all want a girl who knows what she wants and goes after it. Thus, I would say that, that should be another element in your equation.

The next point that needs to be addressed about society's version of beauty is it has an insane demand for girls to be unnecessarily thin. I have far too many friends and acquaintances that suffer from eating disorders.

Maybe if society didn't harbor such a cruel, harsh judgment system on girls, this would not be the case; however, since it is reality, I want to point out that it is a flaw in the system.

No one should ever feel that, as a friend once said, "Pretty girls don't eat."

Yes. You read that correctly. Pretty girls don't eat.

Society has really messed up the thoughts and ideas of some girls.

It is revolting and despicable that anyone would ever feel like that. Food is something we need to survive. It goes completely against nature to not eat.

Going against an instinct is not pretty, it's merely unintelligent.

I understand wanting to lose weight, but it should be for the right reasons, not because society says someone has to be thin.

Thus, beauty is much deeper than what society teaches.

It is not simply about how attractive someone is, but should also include other factors of a female.

Respond to Lydia at
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Discover your purpose, life has meaning



PHILLIP MARTIN
COLUMNIST

Believe it or not, our lives do have purpose.

Even though we are sinful and weak in the sight of God's glory, we still can serve a greater good. We can help other people be reconciled with God by living out a righteous life by example and sharing the Gospel.

Each person is made unique from the other, so each of us has the potential to serve in different ways. We just have to discover our purpose for serving.

We can find help discovering our purpose, and we don't have to do it all on our own or in vain. We have help.

Once we become reconciled with God, he gives us resources to help serve. He sent his Holy Spirit here to offer us spiritual gifts, such as these: faith, discernment of good and evil, prophecy, teaching, leadership and generosity (Romans 12:3-8).

Jesus called the Holy Spirit our friend, so we can confi-

dently surrender ourselves to him (John 14:15-26). When you allow the Holy Spirit to fulfill your purpose, it can be a beautiful thing. You can see real results by the works of your faith.

By trusting the Spirit, you can foster beautiful things, such as love, joy, peace and kindness (Galatians 5:16-26). Believe it or not, these things you allow the Spirit to bring out of you not only affect your life but others around you.

I know several people who trust the Spirit to lead their lives to help people's faith.

One of my friends is very gifted. However, for some reason he got turned by Ivy League schools. He's currently attending the University to someday be a music teacher for children who require special needs.

One colleague is going to use her spiritual gifts in her nursing career.

Another is going to be a teacher as well, and she's writing a book. I'm not very good at reading advanced, well-written writing, but I'd love to read her book someday.

Another friend wants to integrate his generosity for people when he works for a

U.S. embassy someday. I hope he sends me a post card.

One of my roommates is going to be a math teacher. His gifts are patience, calmness and willingness to listen to people who are hurt. I'm sure many high school students will appreciate his help someday.

I currently still have a working idea of what my story will be.

I've been in dark places in my life - possibly since the onset of adolescence. It's gotten a lot darker recently.

Since then, I've been in a brutal battle with myself internally. I have periods of depression. Some nights are restless, and ironically sleep has been my only relief.

I climb over mountains and fall head-long into deep valleys. It seems like every time I make a substantial step forward, an event or thought causes me to fall back down hard. This vicious cycle drives me crazy and the feeling sucks.

In some moments, I've allowed this darkness to damage my faith as well as my relationships and interactions with people I care about. I've felt embarrassed and lost confidence

in myself because of this.

Often times I've lost my passion for writing because of negative thoughts every day. Yet, in the middle of my ongoing internal battle, I still find motivation to keep going.

I've risked my future career and reputation with sharing pieces of my personal life in the past year. At times, I've laid it on the line, but people actually find inspiration in my words. It is humbling to see people show concern and enjoyment for me in this way.

In the end, I'm always thankful God has given me the opportunity to use my gift of the golden pen.

Whenever I get out of this darkness, I want to help other at-risk young adults going through similar torment. Maybe that will come by way of a book. Or something else. Who knows?

When I finally meet God in the next life, I want to hear him tenderly say, as my friend also envisioned, "Very well, my faithful and kind servant."

Make this thought your goal.

Respond to Phillip at
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Show empathy, support for 'invisible illnesses'



EMILY GORDON
COLUMNIST

Fibromyalgia. Depression. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome. Chronic Migraine. Colitis. This is a small sample list of invisible illnesses suffered by people I love.

Invisible illnesses and disabilities are, simply put, illnesses and disabilities that cannot be seen, but are very real.

People who use wheelchairs, canes or portable oxygen tanks in public are immediately acknowledged as being disabled or ill by the general public because their aids are visual cues that they are not functioning like "normal" people.

Those who have illnesses or disabilities that cannot be seen, such as those listed above, have a much harder time being accepted by the general public because they appear to be functioning "normally," but in reality are not.

Therefore, those with invisible illnesses and dis-

abilities endure some discrimination and poor treatment by their peers.

Sometimes, this poor treatment is even extended by family members, friends and teachers who just do not understand that what they're going through is real.

I myself have a few invisible illnesses and disabilities and have had to tolerate society's non-acceptance of them since I was a pre-teen.

This week, I missed classes due to one of my invisible illnesses that has left my immune system shot.

I contracted a virus that left me appearing to the general public as if I just had a bad cold, but in reality, the virus flared up each one of my invisible illnesses, giving me a two-for-one deal.

Instead of drinking orange juice, sleeping it off and returning to class like everyone else when they get sick, I went to the hospital, rattled off my medical history to a new crop of doctors and was prescribed more medications.

Since then, I've been in contact with my professors, stayed on top of my homework and have done as much

as I possibly can to not fall behind, as I am keenly aware that my college experience requires a lot of hard work, not to mention money.

I know my college career determines my future, which is why it is one of my top priorities in life.

Despite this, I have gotten messages from classmates and friends suggesting hurtful and inaccurate things about my absences.

You see, people with invisible illnesses and disabilities constantly have to prove themselves to others.

They must prove that they are not lying about their illnesses and disabilities. They are not skipping class or work "for the fun of it."

They are not lazy or pretending to be sick or disabled for sympathy.

I understand that the general public does not know what people with invisible illnesses and disabilities go through every day of their lives, and that they may genuinely be oblivious that any comments they make are hurtful.

But judging others and coming to your own conclusions has always been regarded as the wrong thing

to do, no matter what the circumstances.

I've been defending myself since I was 12 years old and I'm tired of it. Every time I miss school, family functions and outings with friends, it hurts.

And it hurts even more when people assume I'm "faking it."

People with invisible illnesses and disabilities shouldn't have to give the general public a low-down of their personal histories just to be treated with respect.

Instead, make an effort to not be so quick to judge.

Not everyone is like you.

You may not be required to lend help or support to those with invisible illnesses and disabilities, but you certainly shouldn't make it harder for them by spreading rumors and being mean-spirited.

It's hard enough to keep life balanced when you have invisible illnesses and disabilities.

Don't be the person who throws in the extra hardships.

Respond to Emily at
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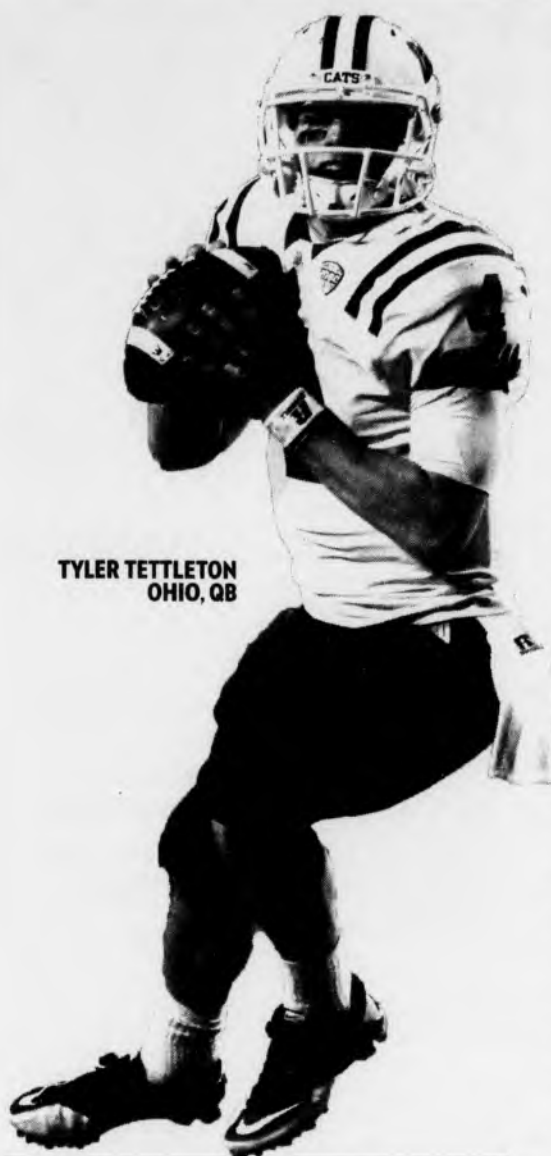
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TYLER TETTLETON
OHIO, QB

A showdown in ATHENS

Falcons, Bobcats battle to control own destiny in race for MAC East title

By Ethan Easterwood
Sports Editor

If the Falcons want to accomplish their season goal of winning the Mid-American Conference they will have to get by Ohio on Wednesday.

"Being in contention is what we work for year-round, for that MAC championship," defensive tackle Chris Jones said. "And we are getting down to the heat of it."

The Falcons were sitting above the Bobcats in the standings due to an odd play of events when the then-No. 24 ranked Ohio lost to Miami two games ago. Since BG had defeated the RedHawks, the Falcons moved above Ohio despite both teams having just one conference loss.

Ohio won this past weekend against Eastern Michigan, whereas the Falcons had the weekend off, which moved them back above BG with both having 4-1 conference records. The Bobcats are 8-1 overall and the Falcons sit at 6-3 due to their current five-game win-streak.

Historically, the Falcons lead the Bobcats in all-time matchups 36-25-2 and the Bobcats are undefeated at home this season. The Falcons have all three losses on the road at Florida, Toledo and Virginia Tech.

"You could argue that Ohio has been the most successful and most consistent program in the MAC over the past four years and especially in the east," head coach Dave Clawson said. "They are dynamic and explosive on offense."

Ohio averages over 34 points and over 450 yards a game which is led by quarterback Tyler Tettleton. Tettleton has exactly 1,900 yards passing this season with 15 touchdowns

and two interceptions. The Bobcats' running back, Beau Blankenship, brings in eight touchdowns of his own.

"Ohio has a great offense," Jones said. "Tettleton is a great play-maker and going against their offensive line the past three years, they are one of the most physical offensive lines I've gone against. It's still going to be a great challenge for ourselves as a defense."

Offensively the Falcons' quarterback, Matt Schilz, has 1,752 passing yards with nine touchdowns and six interceptions. The offense has been run heavy with Anthon Samuel leading the way. Samuel has eight touchdowns and averages 5.7 yards per carry. Running back John Pettigrew has four touchdowns of his own and Andre Givens added his first touchdown against Eastern Michigan.

The Falcons defense have allowed just two touchdowns in the last five games and have held all opponents under 13 points in their six wins. The defense currently sits ninth in the nation in points against with 15.2, and leads the MAC in rush defense, pass defense and overall defense.

The defense and the nation have been led by defensive tackle Chris Jones in sacks. Jones was the sole leader with 11.5 until the Falcons bye-week when Damontre Moore from Texas A&M caught up to share the national lead. Jones also sits behind Moore in second nationally in tackles for a loss with 16; Moore has 18.

Both Ohio and BG have played Eastern Michigan last. BG defeated the Eagles 24-3 on Oct. 27, keeping the Eagles to

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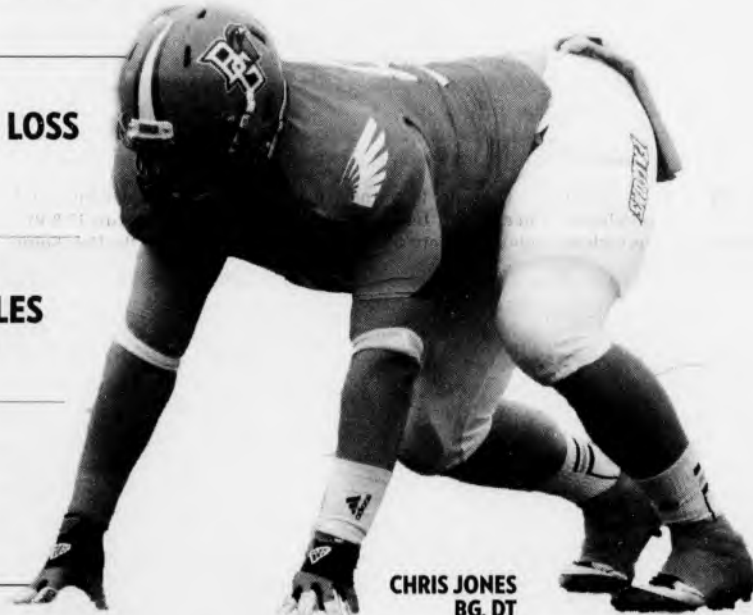
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CHRIS JONES
BG, DT



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MARCUS PERRIER, BG defenseman, battles with Ohio State forward Anthony Greco for the puck during the Falcons' 3-3 tie with the Buckeyes earlier this season.

Notes: BG looks for more offense

By Ryan Satkowiak
Senior Reporter

The BG hockey team has struggled with scoring goals this season.

Through nine games, the Falcons average 1.75 goals per game. The number is even lower in Central Collegiate Hockey Association play, where the Falcons have scored five goals in four games.

Coach Chris Bergeron says the problem hasn't been inconsistency, because the team has been consistently not good enough at getting pucks and bodies to the opposing net.

"We use 30 shots on goal as a

marker, it's one of our objectives every game and we've probably gotten that objective three out of nine [games] at most," Bergeron said. "That's nowhere near good enough."

How that gets fixed has both simple and complex answers. Simply put, Bergeron said the team needs to get better at getting pucks on goal and crashing the net.

More complex is the fact that Bergeron feels the team hasn't been getting completely shut down offensively; rather, that the team is just failing to convert on the scoring chances they have been getting. The fix there could be as menial as simply getting a positive

bounce that leads to momentum.

"I'm a firm believer that you make your own breaks," Bergeron said. "We're going to have to do things properly to get those breaks, and it starts with getting more pucks on net and getting more people to the net."

"Obviously scoring goals has not been easy for us. I don't think you can get away from those simple things that you have to do to give yourself the best chance to score goals."

One reason for the lack of goal

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Group of BG cross country runners step up game

Koch, Alt, Kezur, Redman have improved throughout season

By Cameron Teague Robinson
Reporter

This year, the women's cross country team has done well for a team that is so young.

Abby Koch, Andrea Alt, Kendra Kezur and Jasmine Redman have picked up the leadership roles and helped this team to a great season so far and a record eighth place finish in the Mid-American Conference Championships.

"These four were not even in a Bowling Green uniform last year," said coach Lou Snelling. "But it has been great for us to have them this season."

Abby Koch is a redshirt junior who attended Stow High School in Stow, Ohio. She is currently majoring in Speech Pathology with a minor in Spanish. She started the year off strong with a seventh place finish at the Mel Brodt season opener and a third place finish at the Buffalo Invitational before not running during the All Ohio Championships.

Koch then came back with a 17th place finish in the Bradley Classic and a 28th place finish in the MAC Championships. She has led the Falcons in three out of the four races she ran this year.

Alt is a redshirt freshmen who

attended Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio. She is currently majoring in AYA Mathematics. She came out in her first meet in a BG uniform well, with two top 10 finishes in her first two meets.

She also did not run during the All Ohio Championships, but during the Bradley Classic, she fell a little bit with a 34th place finish, but she picked it right back up in the MAC Championships leading the Falcons with a 23rd place finish.

"We are all refocused and ready to hit Wisconsin hard," Alt said. "If everyone can stay focused in the race we could end up with a top 20 finish."

Kezur is a sophomore transfer from Cleveland State University from Sylvania Southview High School in Toledo, Ohio. She is currently majoring in Allied Health Science.

As a freshman at Cleveland State she was the team's second leading runner she decided to come to BG and she showed that talent right away as she finished with two top 20 finishes in the first two meets. She did not run in the All Ohio Championships, but came out of that break strong with a 26th place finish in the Bradley Classic and a 43rd finish the MAC Championships.

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The Attic, One 49 offer Country Night

By Renee Swallow
Reporter

Country lovers can go out and enjoy a rustic atmosphere at two of Bowling Green's best-known clubs, The Attic and One 49, with Country Night.

Eric Pelham, owner of The Attic and 2002 Bowling Green graduate, said that The Attic has hosted Country Night every Wednesday for the past three and a half years.

"The Attic used to be what was called the Junction," Pelham said. "They started the tradition and when we took over we decided to continue it, so there's been a country night in this place for over 15 years."

The Attic offers drink specials and pool, however the main event is the line dancing and country music played all night by DJ Mike Treon, who is a senior at the University majoring in high school math education.

"I just love the interaction with everybody," he said.

Treon also decided to create the Twitter account, @BGCountryNight, so that students could tweet their song requests instead of having to fight the crowd.

Pelham said the Attic's Country Night is growing consistently and has a very laid back atmosphere.

"We want it to be the place to be on Wednesday night," Pelham said. "This is the

"My favorite part is all of the people there and the line dancing. It's been around for a really long time."

Janie Rauscher | Senior

original country night."

Senior Janie Rauscher has been enjoying the Attic's Country Night since last fall.

"My favorite part is all of the people there and the line dancing," she said. "It's been around for a really long time."

Rauscher has also been to One 49's country night once or twice, and said that it is a different scene and has more room, however it will take a while to get the word out about it because it is still fairly new.

"I like the establishment even if it's not country night," she said.

Derek Earl, owner of One 49 and 2011 Bowling Green graduate, said that the bar's Country Night on Thursdays has now been official for about six weeks.

The idea for the event came about as the usual customers and staff consistently requested for country music to be played on Thursday nights, Earl said.

"After several weeks,

it was suggested by staff members to officially have a country night for our bar," Earl said. "So with the go ahead from the owner, Rick Ault Sr., One 49 North created an atmosphere that we thought would be suitable for this crowd."

Radio station 103.7 WCKY had joined to help promote country night for a period of time, but DJ Victor Layton, a junior at the University, now picks what music to play.

Layton said that he loves his job and will play any country song that is requested, old or new.

Junior Kyle Webb said that he loves to come and play pool with his friends on country night and listen to the music.

One 49 offers activities such as corn hole, shuffleboard, darts and pool, and also offers drink specials for Country Night.

"For the most part, everybody loves country music," Earl said. "And it's nice to have a break from the overplayed hits you hear every weekend at the bars."

Country nights are every Wednesday at The Attic and every Thursday at One 49, and both events start at 10:00 p.m. For more information about the Attic or One 49, visit their Facebook pages or go to the Attic's website at <http://www.citytapand-theattic.com/>.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Students, staff offer supplies, money for Hurricane Sandy relief

When Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast a little more than a week ago, the University Office of Campus Activities decided to take action.

Christopher Bullins, associate dean of students, made calls to the American Red Cross and local non-profit organization International Services of Hope & Impact With God Crusades, Incorporated (ISOH/IMPACT) and asked how the campus community could help.

"Knowing our students are often passionate about helping those in need, I thought it would be helpful to try to provide some coordination about how to help," Bullins said.

The Red Cross asked for online donations and ISOH/IMPACT asked for donations of money as well as items, Bullins said. The information was then sent out in a campus update to the University community as well as to leaders of campus organizations.

Items, such as toiletries, blankets and cleaning supplies, could be dropped off on the first floor of the Union until noon Monday, when ISOH/IMPACT picked them up.

Bullins said efforts like these are important on a college campus for a few reasons.

"When our students are here, we stress that a Bowling Green education is going to be preparation for life, not only in a career but also civic engagement and leadership," he said. "One way any community demonstrates commitment to others is helping those in need."

THE BG NEWS SUDOKU

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Sleigh Bells duo to perform at Cla-Zel

By Geoff Burns
Reporter

Sleigh Bells is set to hit the stage Wednesday at the Cla-Zel with opening act Araabmuzik, contributing to its North American Tour that began in October.

The band consists of a musical duo with Derek Miller playing guitar and Alexis Krauss singing vocals. The musical group started to write songs in 2008 and has released a self-titled EP, and two full-length albums since then. The newest album "Reign of Terror" was released in February 2012 which landed the group a performance on Saturday Night Live. The duo has been featured in major magazines such as Rolling Stone and Alternative Press and has performed with acts like the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the punk band Refused.

Miller said the band tours all of the time and the college shows are really fun to play because the younger crowd is so energized.

"Our show, for me, relies heavily on crowd participation," Miller said. "There's nothing worse than playing to a room full of people standing there with their arms crossed."

I don't think our band works in a live setting like that and when that happens, the show falls flat."

Innovation Concerts in Toledo, Ohio set up the show for Sleigh Bells to perform and president Broc Curry said it's more difficult to convince larger bands to come out and play at a show in a place they have never heard of or been to before.

"We try to do [bring entertainment] once a month, once every six weeks type of basis in bringing something exciting to town and hope that the student body will come out and support it," Curry said. "We thought BG would appeal to the college crowd a bit more and the Cla-Zel is a great venue. It's the perfect size and a great atmosphere."

Miller said his favorite song to play during the set is "Born to Lose," from the group's latest album "Reign of Terror", because of the emotional response it creates between the band and the crowd.

"Really it's just that moment and it's always just really exciting and really tense for me," Miller said.

Graduate student Sarah Kreiger is going to the show

"I like how the band is different and isn't something that I would usually listen to."

Sarah Kreiger |
Graduate Student

and has been a fan of Sleigh Bells since 2010 when the duo's album "Treats" was released.

"I like how the band is different and isn't something that I would usually listen to," Kreiger said. "I have been to the Cla-Zel for a show before and it had a great atmosphere."

Tickets are now only available to purchase at the door for \$25.

"I started writing music when I was 10 or 11 and I don't feel like I'm any better right now," Miller said. "I still feel like I'm still stumbling around in the dark and that's one of my favorite things about music, is that you can never really know it. It has a permanent mystery to it. Music is never finished and it's pretty fascinating."

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178 yards of offense whereas the Bobcats won 45-14 putting up 559 yards of offense. Since playing Eastern Michigan, the Falcons will have had 10 days off compared to Ohio's four.

"I think sometimes when you are playing well you want to keep playing," Clawson said about the long break. "Right now our guys have a lot of confidence and we have been on a pretty good roll and when you're in that you hate breaking that up. But on the same token we've played nine straight games and the rest helps."

The game will take place Wednesday in Athens at 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

RUNNERS

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"Being a transfer, I had a lot to prove and room for improvement," said Kezur. "The pressure will always be there; it's about the way you handle it. Being so young means we have a lot to prove."

Redman is a redshirt freshman from Tecumseh High School in New Carlisle, Ohio. She is currently majoring in Sport Management.

In her first meet in a BG uniform, she finished 23rd, but improved over the next few weeks with a ninth place finish in the Buffalo Invitational. After not running in the All Ohio Championships, she had a 31st place finish in the

Bradley Classic and a 55th place finish in the MAC championships.

"I am glad we have improved from last year and I think we did alright for having eight of our nine runners never have run a MAC meet," Redman said. "But, I think we were disappointed about our performance as a team, we were hoping for a better place."

The mixture of youth, experience and talent with these four girls is something special and something every BG fan can look forward to watching in the next few years.

"It is big for us to have them gain this experience," Snelling said. "These girls could be the cornerstone of the program for a number of years going forward."

HOCKEY

From Page 5

production this season has been the abysmal success rate of BG's power play.

The Falcons have gone 24 consecutive power plays without a goal, a span that stretches six games. For the season, BG is 3-for-41 (7.3 percent) with the man advantage.

"I feel like we're doing a better job getting the puck into the zone, but once we get in I feel like we need to swarm the puck more, get the puck on our sticks better and get the puck up to the point," said BG forward Adam Berkle, who leads the team with six points. "That will open up the power play more, but I feel like we're having a difficult time doing that and retrieving pucks once we get into the zone."

One thing that has been plaguing the Falcons this season is a lack of continuity with

a team that is still rather young.

Often times, the Falcons' cross-ice passes through the neutral zone go off target, or breakout passes at the defensive blue line get turned over because the players are still learning and adjusting to the tendencies of their teammates.

"Pretty much everyone, we're just not cohesive with each other right now," Berkle said. "But we're still working on that, bringing the team together and knowing where everyone is going to be on the ice and how everyone is going to react to certain situations. I think once we get passed that, we're going to be fine."

Goalie competition

While Bergeron said the starting goalie position is not, "up for grabs," he did say that there is a competition going on for playing time.

"Tommy [Burke] has continued to show a confidence

level and a calmness, an intensity to compete not just in games, but everyday in practice," Bergeron said. "Not to say that Andrew [Hammond] hasn't done those things, but now you have to execute."

"Now guys are going to have to get it done. If one goalie or two of the three goals aren't getting it done, he's not going to find himself playing. It's a good, healthy competition."

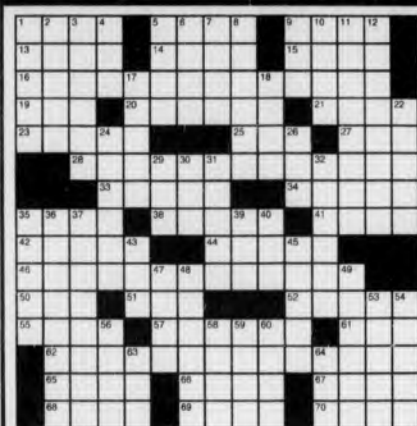
This competition was spurned in the wake of Hammond's elbow injury. Burke stepped in and played well in his absence.

Bergeron said that everything is on the table with regards to the team's goaltending, mentioning a potential Friday-Saturday rotation, which the team had two seasons ago with Nick Eno and Hammond, as a possibility.

"We think it's a good spot to be in," he said. "Hopefully that competition brings out the best in everybody."

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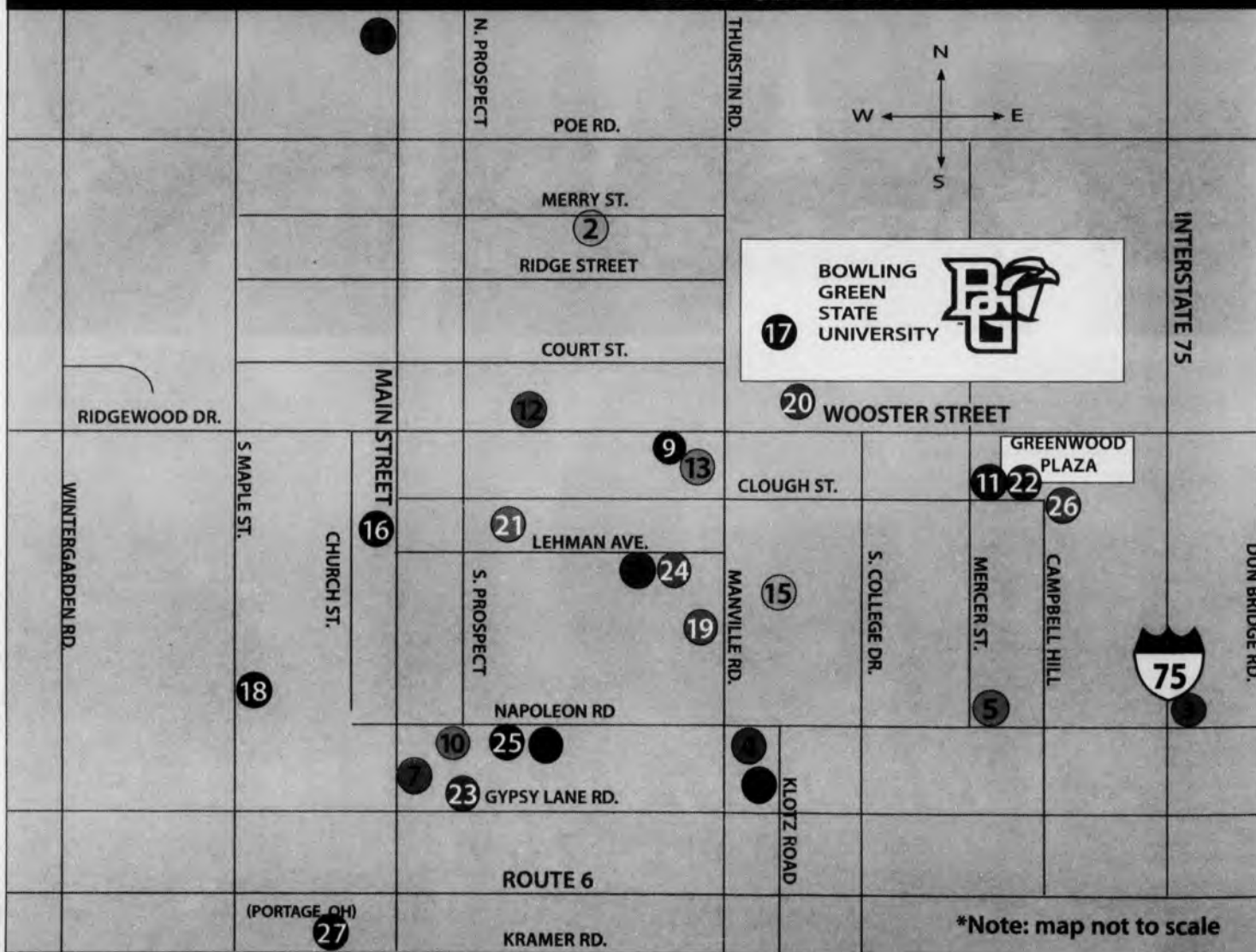
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To Live Off Campus, or On Campus, That IS The Question

The Pros and Cons of Living On and Off Campus

By RACHEL AUSPERK

You are just about to become a junior in college. You have completed the requirement of living in the residence halls for your first two years and are deciding whether to live on-campus again, or move into an apartment or house with your friends. Most students make the decision to venture out and live the off-campus life after their sophomore year of college. But, do they really think about all of the responsibilities and choices that come with it?

Living on campus, life seems a bit easier. Everything is pre-paid such as your room and meal plan.

The pros of living on campus are no utility bills to pay, food to make, or reason to drive. And you can enjoy the safety of living in a large secure building. All that you need is within a very short distance.

On the other hand, there is the whole sharing your room or suite with a roommate(s) situation. Students have the option of living alone in the halls, but it is more costly. Also, Residence Hall Advisors (RAs) are assigned to each hall to maintain the control and safety of the students.

Erica Blackman is a senior at Bowling Green State University

who has lived on campus all four years of her college career.

"I like living on campus because it's convenient," said Blackman. "I'm always on campus throughout the day during odd times for class, work and organizational duties with my student organization-- so it's easier for me."

Living off campus for many students means freedom. There is some sort of thrill about being able to live on your own or with friends away from the RAs and residence halls. The pros of living off campus are that students can have rooms to themselves and ultimately are on their own.

However, the cons of living off campus are often overlooked. **Rent and utilities are due each month, students have to cook for themselves, and if they are far enough away from campus, they need to drive.** There are certain financial responsibilities as a renter that students never had to deal with while living on campus. Students transitioning from residence halls to living off campus learn to how to live independently.

But though there may be regular financial requirements of staying on top of bills, **many students find living off campus to be a more affordable option than the convenience of living on campus.** For the 2012-2013 year, a standard double room on campus costs a student \$5,040 per year and an accompanying meal plan for the entire year ranges from \$3,024 to \$3,966, depending on which plan is selected. Most students discover that a nine-month apartment lease monthly food bills, and utilities, cost considerably less.

There are certain financial responsibilities as a renter that students never had to deal with while living on campus.

It is Matt Goryance's first year living off campus as a junior at BGSU. He said that he loves living in a house with all of his friends.

"I like living off campus because I do not have to share a room with someone and I have more space to myself," Goryance said. **"The only thing that I do not like is cooking my own food."**

There are good and bad sides of living both on campus and off campus. So whether you make the decision to stick with the convenience of living on campus, or venture out to the freedom of living off campus, be sure to weigh the pros and cons and put some thought into it.

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Before Signing Your Lease

By RACHEL AUSPERK

For many University students, living in an apartment can seem exciting and money-saving. However, students should be aware of living standards before signing their leases.

A lease is a binding contract between a tenant (student renter) and the landlord, the owner of the apartment. Many agreements in a lease follow mandated local and state guidelines.

Along with rent payments, responsibilities for the tenant may include the time frame, or term, the tenant may live in an apartment, utilities the tenant is responsible for, and rules for the tenant's pets.

A lease will usually include responsibilities for the landlord as well, such as maintaining the safety and cleanliness, making necessary repairs, supplying running water, and exterminating pests within the apartment complex.

Students should read over the lease entirely to understand their responsibilities and penalties for violating the agreement, staff at University's Student Legal Services suggests.

Another reason students should read over the lease is to make sure they are comfortable with the agreement before signing it, said DJ Sandiford, general manager of the Enclave. In some cases, some agreements are similar to those in campus housing, Sandiford said.

Along with specific rules a lease provides, tenants living in Bowling Green must also follow the guidelines found in the Wood County Health, Safety and Sanitation Regulations. **These guidelines include keeping the outside of apartment complexes litter-free, maintaining cleanliness in each unit and not overcrowding a unit.**

The Ohio State Bar Association also provides more information on leases in its "Tenant/Landlord Rights and Obligations" pamphlet, which can be found online at www.ohiobar.org.

One thing students should be aware of is how lease agreements may vary among different apartment complexes.

Depending on apartment complex, **utilities, such as electricity and cable, may or may not be included in the rent,**

Sandiford said.

Ryan Holley, president of the Wood County Association of Apartments, said its members do not have a standard lease. However, a lot of companies use a sample lease agreement provided in the Ohio Landlord-Tenant Booklet, according to Holley.

The booklet can be found on the City of Bowling Green's website at www.bgoohio.org.

Student Legal Services also provides a standard lease so students can get an idea of how lease agreements work.

Along with understanding the tenant-landlord agreement, students should also make sure they are comfortable with their living arrangements before signing a lease.



Students should make a list of preferred living arrangements and sign a lease early to make sure they get what they want, Holley said.

For example, students may want to live in an apartment for one semester instead of one full school year.

While some apartment complexes offer semester leases, their availability is limited. They tend to go fast, according to Holley.

Students should also know who they might live with, but Holley said he also suggests students sign a written agreement among their roommates that specifies each of their responsibilities.

Here are some pointers Wood County Association of Apartments Ryan Halley said he suggests:

- Know what you want in your home, such as the location, parking, arrangements for pets and amenities (pool, laundry, etc...)
- Know what you're paying for. See if utilities are included in the rental rate.
- Talk to previous residents of the property. Ask about the experience and rent payment information.
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BY ANNA CHRISTOFF: Client Relations Representative

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The next is a deposit special, if you sign a lease before Dec. 10, the security deposit only costs \$99 per person.

Both of these offers are for a limited time only, so stop by Greenbriar's office, located at 445 E. Wooster St. or go to www.greenbriarrentals.com to view properties. Also, make sure you check them out at the housing fair. You will want to take advantage of these money-saving deals.

Aside from having great specials for students, Greenbriar offers a wide variety of places for undergraduate and graduate students to rent.

Beth Iott, agent at Greenbriar said "We have an apartment or house that could meet any student's needs".

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largest real estate offices in Bowling Green.

Some of Greenbriar's most popular rentals are the Campbell Hill Townhouses, located on Campbell Hill Road and the Bentwood Estates, located on Scott Hamilton Avenue.

The Campbell Hill Townhouses are three stories and include air conditioning, dishwashers, microwaves, full basements, and washer/dryer hookups.

The Bentwood Estates are large, newly built houses that feature dishwashers, microwaves, garbage disposals, central air, automatic garage doors, gas log fireplaces (all but Briarwood), and coin-operated washers/dryers.

"My roommates and I really liked having so much space,

my bedroom at my house on Burrwood was bigger than my room at home," said Scott Subler, former Bentwood Estates resident and graduate student in the College of Technology.

Greenbriar likes to make paying rent as easy as possible for their residents, offering a drive through window at their office. You don't even have to get out of your car to pay rent.

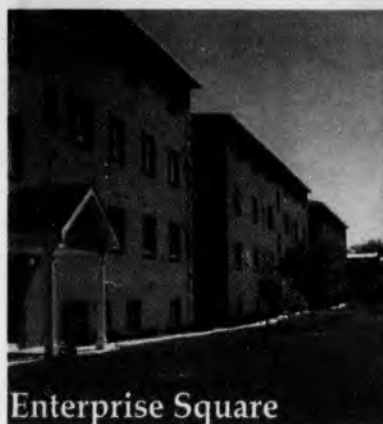
The people at Greenbriar encourage students to look at houses and apartments before they sign a lease and find what is right for them./

"We want to help point students in the right direction," Iott said.

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By ANNA CHRISTOFF: Client Relations Representative

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By MAX RICHARD FILBY

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Helton chose to make Falcon's Pointe Helton, a student at the University, chose to live at Falcon's Pointe mainly because of its amenities.

"They're the best in the amenities they offer,"

HELTON SAID.

All apartments in the miniature community offer residents televisions and private bathrooms.

"They're the best in the amenities they offer," Helton said.

Along with the amenities Falcon's Pointe offers its residents, it also offers them a sense of community, Helton said.

Falcon's Pointe is able to do so by hosting a series of holiday parties and other events to allow residents to meet the rest of their neighbors. On Wednesday, Falcon's Pointe will even host what it Greeno calls the "Polar Plunge." The plunge will consist of residents getting the chance to dive into the now cold waters of Falcon's Pointe, Greeno said. Hot Chocolate will also be available to help reheate the plunge's participants.

"With the students being away from home, we really try to make it a place where they can meet new people and take their minds off of classes," Greeno said.

While the sense of community and the amenities Falcon's Pointe offers are a few of the reasons why it is Helton's residence of choice, students like him also love living there because it's convenient.

"The staff are nice and friendly and they help make everything so convenient here," Helton said.

One convenience Falcon's Pointe offers residents are shuttles to and from campus in order to help get the to class. Among other conveniences, Falcon's Pointe also offers residents free tanning a state-of-the-art fitness center and a hot tub open year round.

"We have no competitors that are able to do everything that we do," Helton said.

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PETS

Off-Campus Pleasure or Adorable Hassle?

By ALLISON BASILE

For most college students, moving off campus means lots of great things – cooking options, freedom to listen to loud music, and even the possibility of getting an animal.

But is having a pet in college really a good idea?

"It really depends on the pet you have," senior Nicole Lebo said. "I only have a hamster and that's easy for me because landlords don't consider small animals like that a troublesome pet."

Lebo said that her hamster, Nibbles, causes no problems for her or the properties she's lived in.

A lot of students look forward to moving off campus and many consider getting an animal of their own. Realty companies, on the other hand, don't necessarily allow pets in every location in

Bowling Green, and having a pet means increased costs for rent and security deposits.

John Newlove Real Estate, for example, does not allow pets in any of their houses. **They do allow pets in some of their apartment buildings, but require that tenants include a pet addendum in their lease, and also a non-refundable pet fee,** though they do not charge extra per month for pets. The addendum requires that the tenant pays for any and all damages caused by the pet, and also states that a pet disrupting neighbors could result in the pet being forced to leave the premises.

"Most students love to go for the big animals, mainly dogs," Joan Newlove of John Newlove Real Estate said.

A dog may seem like the perfect pet for college, but according to Newlove, things like waste pickup, constant barking and damage to carpets and other surfaces in apartments can become a big problem very quickly.

Newlove said that many of their tenants have well-behaved pets and they have no problems with them, but sometimes concerns arise that busy college students don't think about before obtaining a four-legged friend. **"When you need to go away for the weekend, who will be there to look after them? Can you trust that person to check on them?"**

For some students though, life without their pet would be quite diminished. Senior Lexie Quigley looks to her dog Zoey for a fun break from her busy schedule.

"I love having Zoey at school with me because it really helps to relieve stress, like when we go to the park or on walks. **Sometimes it's difficult though because I don't like leaving her at home alone for too many hours at a time when I'm on campus,** but I think the pros outweigh the cons to having a pet with you at school if you're capable/willing to take on all the responsibilities they entail."

So when it comes to the debate about pets, are the rewards worth the risks? That is for every student who moves off-campus to decide. Here are some things to consider before making the decision:

What kind of pet are you looking for? Students most often think of big animals like cats and dogs for their first pet, but thinking small is never a bad idea. Guinea pigs, hamsters and even fish can be a lot easier to take care of, and in most cases less regulated in apartment buildings and houses.

Can you afford the costs associated with a furry (or scaled) friend? Students often underestimate the costs that come with pets – things like food, bedding, toys and vet bills add up fast. If you seem to be pinching pennies just to feed yourself, a pet will only add to the cost of living.

How will your roommates or neighbors feel about the choice? Things like allergies and sleep schedules need to be taken into account when the idea of a barking dog or shedding cat comes into play. Just

double check that everyone you'll be surrounded by is okay with the idea of occasional barking or some fur balls.

"Pets can be a great experience for students, and we as landlords do our best to accommodate tenants with animals," Joan Newlove said.

There's no doubt about it, an animal can be a great stress reliever, a fun companion and a cute addition to any apartment or house. Just make sure you do your research, plan ahead and think of those you'll be sharing space with.



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HOUSING ISSUES: What You Need To Know

By KATHRYN KRAKOFF

There is a lot that needs to be considered when leasing a house here in Bowling Green. Whether its your first time leasing or not, there are important things one needs to take into consideration before signing the piece of paper.

Student Legal Services (SLS) attorney Rodney Fleming helps students figure out the best ways to deal with their leasing problems. Whether it is as simple as getting a ticket for not shoveling the snow to much bigger issues like conflicts involving the tenant wanting to void a lease, Fleming has been the managing attorney of SLS since 1994. He is licensed to practice in all Ohio courts, as well as the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the Sixth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals.

Fleming said the basic thing a student needs to do is read through the whole contract between the tenant and landlord. There are many things students may not take into consideration and might be in a hurry to sign it as fast as possible.

A major issue besides lease interpretation is house repairs. There is an Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law, which explains your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. It states what you need to do when moving into a new place and what exactly is the Ohio law while renting. It is important to know what you have the right to do, what you should not do, and how to handle situations based on the law. Landlords should be informed of this, but if not, you need to know what to do in certain situations.

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Fleming explained if something like a heater breaks, what are the best ways to make a repair and what are students' options? He wants to make sure students come to SLS to handle issues that may need better, reliable action to resolve. Fleming

also recommends addressing the problem as soon as possible. If something breaks and needs repair, do not keep putting it off to have it looked at.

Landlords are required to make all repairs to the house for it to be livable, and are not permitted to do anything to make you move out of a home. But repairs are only covered when the tenants do not cause the damage.

If the landlord fails to make repairs within 30 days of being notified, tenants have an option to place their rent in escrow, which is when you pay the next payment into the court. The landlord can then fix the problem and have the rent be released from the court or take a step further and fight the claims.

When a student receives the security deposit at the end of their lease, it is important to look through it and make sure the whole amount is given back. One way Fleming says to make sure of

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Another issue is dealing with the people you live with. Whether it is petty things, like not doing the dishes to not fulfilling obligations, it is important to know the landlord looks at the whole amount of money being given and not just the part one tenant would be paying. Rent is important to have on time, so whether or not there are issues internally between roommates, rent needs to be paid all together. When you are considering living off campus, make sure you handle it in the most proper and efficient way. If there is a need for further help, the student legal fee is \$7 per semester, an investment Fleming recommends. The Student Legal Services are here to help, so contact the staff attorneys for their assistance so you do not have to face issues on your own.

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By KELSEY RENTNER

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Summit Terrace Apartments has coupons and will have special offers at the Housing Fair, which is tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 8. They will also have a drawing for a BGSU bookstore gift certificate.

Summit Terrace Apartments is located on South Summit Street and has been in Bowling Green since the 1970s. Bowling Green State University alumnus Chris Ostrowski has managed the complex since 2004 and started with the company as an undergraduate. Ostrowski is a member of the Ohio Apartment Association and the Wood County Association, and is a past president of both associations. He is also a member of the Falcon Club and a proud supporter of BGSU.

Summit Terrace split from partnering apartment complex Winthrop Terrace Apartments in July 2012 and has made a few changes since. In the fall of 2013, the apartment complex will have several non-smoking buildings. Despite the changes after the split, Summit Terrace stayed with their management company, Gerdenich Realty, whom they have been under for years. According to Ostrowski, Gerdenich is familiar with a college atmosphere and knows how to work well with students and faculty.

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"As Manager and an alumnus of BGSU, I am familiar with student needs," said Ostrowski. "Summit Terrace has plenty of amenities included in rent. We also have a relaxed atmosphere surrounded by residential neighborhood, so when you are done with class, you can come back to

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BY KAIT SEIBERT
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The Enclave has been owned by American Campus Communities since 2008 and is managed by DJ Sandiford. DJ says his favorite part of the business is, "Having the ability to enjoy each and every resident personally, and provide an environment where they can enjoy themselves socially, but yet grow academically at the same time"

Students can begin their housing search online at www.bgstudenthousing.com. Virtual tours, rates, floor plans and a complete list of amenities are available online help students make their decision.

If you are interested in living at The Enclave, applications are available online or you can call the office (419-353-5100) to set up an appointment.

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If you see a property online, or read about one in the BG News/BG News online housing guide, you can stop in the rental office or you can call to set up an appointment for a tour. John Newlove Real Estate has a friendly, well trained, experienced staff who are here to help you with your housing search.

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By ANNA CHRISTOFF
Client Relations Representative

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LMARIES

is a laundromat on the cutting edge

By MAX FILBY

Most people may try to keep their 'dirty laundry' private, but for Duane King and his family, it's just the opposite.

King and his family help people in Bowling Green do their laundry with a simple swipe of a card. King is the owner of LMARIES, a local laundromat that changes things in terms of coin laundry.

LMARIES is the first laundromat operating fully on a card system through which users prepay and swipe at each washer and dryer.

"I just wanted to do something different," King said. "Everything is on a card system from the bathroom to the TVs and the vending machines."

Although LMARIES has been on a card system for almost a full nine years, at first King had some trouble getting the vending machines to run on the system.

"For the first few months you couldn't use cards on the vending machine, but I built

"I just wanted to do something different," King said. "Everything is on a card system from the bathroom to the TVs and the vending machines."

laundromat with a bar and games.

Soon after, King left his job to open LMARIES in 2002.

"I used to wear a suit and tie and now I'm cleaning toilets here for a living," King said.

Being away from his family was also another reason King retired from his consulting job to start up LMARIES.

"The kids started getting older and when you're gone for three or four weeks... you miss that," King said.

King's daughter, Samantha, is also looking to open up a laundromat sometime soon.

"She knew she could go to college and spend 40 or \$50,000 on an education, or she could take it and start up her own business," King said. "We're keeping it in the family."

When building LMARIES, King designed the laundromat primarily with students in mind. LMARIES offers students free wi-fi, workspace, access to cash via an ATM, TV options and games.

King also offers a service where parents of students can send in checks for King to put on students' prepaid cards.

"We try to cater as much as we can to the student," King said.

Aside from what King offers right at LMARIES, the laundromat also offers students a website to check up on the business of the laundromat. **Students can watch a live streaming video to see how busy LMARIES is before going there to do laundry.**

Students can check out what LMARIES has to offer by checking out its website at LMARIES.com and by following them on Twitter and Facebook.



Students can watch a live streaming video to see how busy LMARIES is before going there to do laundry.

an interface to work with it and that's how we became the first 100 percent card laundromat in the U.S."

Before opening LMARIES, King traveled the world as computer consultant. While staying in Portsmouth, England, King got the idea for LMARIES while doing his laundry at a



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BY KAITLYN SEIBERT
Student Publications
Client Relations Representative

If you happen to walk by the Mileti Alumni Center, one minute you're admiring the newly constructed Stroh Center, but in the shadow of this new arena are other structures worth noticing. What used to be known as Haven House Manor apartment complex has been purchased by the University and undergone a complete face-lift. BGSU jumped on the opportunity to purchase Haven House Manor in April 2011 and began revamping the property in July of 2011. The community is now known as Falcon Landing and it is exclusively for graduate students and staff.

It is an ideal setting with updated privacy, and close proximity to academic buildings and sporting activities.

From the moment you enter the parking lot, you can see the major changes that Falcon Landing underwent in the summer of 2011. But it's not until you walk inside that you can fully appreciate all the renovations that were done.

The leasing office is conveniently located right inside the first apartment building. When you first walk in, the office is like every other leasing office with a desk, chairs, couches etc. However, if you peak around the hallway on your left you will see that the office sits in the living room of an actual model apartment.

This community is ideal for any faculty/staff/graduate students who are not from the area because of their affiliation with Bowling Green State University and the easy and hassle free move in process.

Perspective residents can tour the exact layout of the apartment homes right inside the leasing office. Each apartment is fully furnished and complete with brand new kitchen appliances and countertops, a washer and dryer, walk in closets, on-site parking, and free internet.

Falcon Landing is also fully protected with locks on every outside door as well as individual apartment and bedroom doors.

This community is ideal for any faculty/staff/graduate students who are not from the area because of their affiliation with Bowling Green State University and the easy and hassle free move in process. Perspective residents will know that this community is credible and up to University standards.

Falcon Landing offers 10 and 12 month leases with the flexibility to start the lease at any time, and not just when a semester is starting. The leases are individual so tenants are only responsible for their personal

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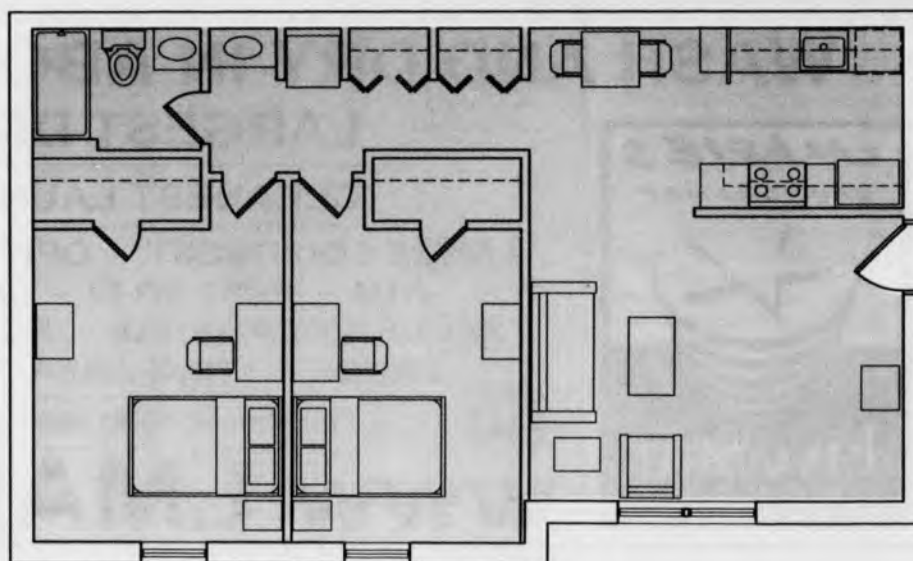
portion of the rent. There is also no security deposit, application fee or credit checks!

With its location, it is an ideal setting with updated privacy, and close proximity to academic buildings and sporting activities.

It offers a convenient location that is close to campus, on-site parking for tenants only, and is completely protected by BGSU campus police.

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Winterize your House or Apartment can Save on Bills

By PHILLIP MARTIN

When living off-campus, whether in an apartment or house, students have different options to reducing their utility bills when the weather turns colder.

Students weatherizing their homes properly for the approaching winter season may achieve noticeable savings and keep themselves warm and comfortable when the weather turns nasty.

Blaine White, a staff member at Ace Hardware in Bowling Green, said students can reduce their utility bills by filling up air leaks around their home.

Why is it important to fill up air leaks around doors and windows? "If you have the tiniest air leaks, it's like having a 12-by-12-inch leak in

the wall," White said.

To fill up air leaks around doors, students can install draft blockers, White said.

Draft blockers fill up the open space between the floor and the base of the doorframe. Applying a draft blocker can be as simple as using a towel or installing a door sweep.

For windows, students can use what White said is called "shrink plastic." Using a tape measure and a pair of scissors, students can cut the shrink tape into pieces and line them along the window frame. Next, attach the plastic to the tape and then students can blow-dry the plastic to tighten up the plastic and create, in essence, an extra barrier like a storm window to

reduce the air leaks.

Another useful way students can save on utility bills is by turning down their thermostat. Each degree cooler amounts to savings off of the utility bill. Lowering thermostats can reduce heating costs and improve energy efficiency of a home, according to the U.S. Department of Energy web site.

Leaving the temperature at 68 degrees during the day and lowering it 10 and 15 degrees for an eight-hour period can save a home up to 15 percent a year on a heat bill, according to the DOE's website, energy.gov.

The eight-hour setback should happen when a person is asleep, the DOE recommends.



Some students may feel that lowering the temperature so low can cause their furnace to burn up more energy when they turn the temperature back up, resulting in no energy savings.

That is a misconception, and the lower the heat is, the slower the heat loss within the home, saving more energy, according to the DOE.

Students can utilize a timed thermostat while they are away from their homes during the day. Students can program it to auto-

matically lower the temperature when they leave and have it heat back up 30 minutes before they return home, White said.

Along with filling air leaks and using a setback thermostat, students can also improve the outer structure of their houses.

Students should make sure air vents along the foundation are closed, White said. Normally they are open during the summer, but White said they should be closed during wintertime to keep floors inside warm.

Insulating the attic of a house is another way students can keep heat from escaping outside. Students should contact their landlord before installing insulation, White said.

too warm, then lower it more.

You'll find that the lower your thermostat, the lower your heating bills. Sometimes one or two degrees can add up to 10 percent savings on your monthly heating.

And to offset the lower house or apartment temperatures, keep warm wearing more and warmer clothes around your house or apartment. Quit acting like it is shorts and tee shirts weather in January or February!

With a few innovative and inexpensive ideas, off-campus students, and those considering living off-campus in the future, can save money and stay within budget and still live comfortably delightful even during the most frightful of temperatures.



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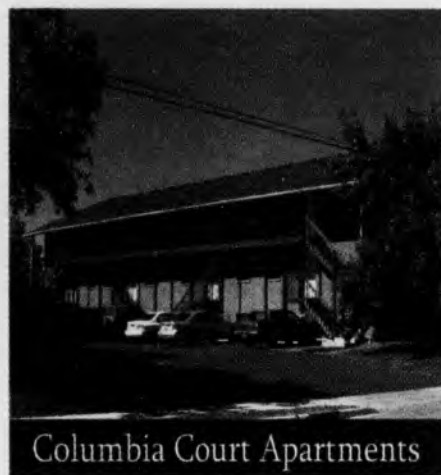
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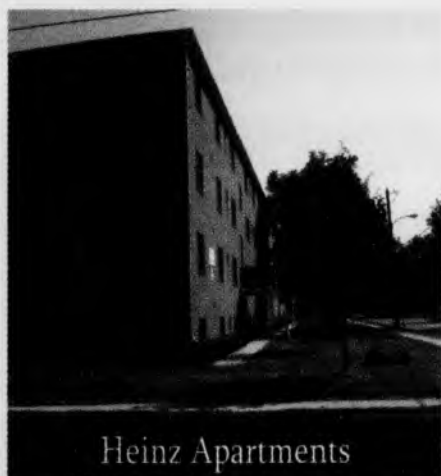
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By KELSEY RENTNER

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Yes, you read that correctly, **Winthrop Terrace includes heat, water, Internet and basic cable with their apartments! This means fewer bills for you and more value.**

In addition to all of the money saving amenities, **Winthrop offers a shuttle service to campus.** The shuttle runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every weekday when classes are in session.

Move-in times at Winthrop Terrace are very flexible. You pick your move in date. **They offer year, nine month and semester leases.**

If you visit Winthrop Terrace at the housing fair, they will be giving out rent certificates. These may be used towards any monthly rent on a year or nine month lease.

Another perk of renting through Winthrop Terrace is that they **only charge a security deposit of \$150 per person** or a minimum of \$300 for the apartment.

You can expect a variety of people living in Winthrop Terrace. There is a mix of students, professors, elderly and families.

Winthrop Terrace also has 24-hour emergency maintenance; **so that means work orders are handled in a timely manner.** You don't have to wait a week to get a tub drain unclogged. Another fact about Winthrop Terrace staff is almost all of Winthrop Terrace Staff lives or has lived on the property.

"It's a great place to live, we care about the needs of our residents and hope to make this a home away from home," said June

Gallegos, Property Manager. "We recently changed management companies to InvesTek Management, **we strive towards providing top service to our residents** all while bringing the community together. We have a monthly newsletter, birthday program, and various raffles and contests throughout the year."

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Eating Off-Campus Can Offer Challenges,

By KATHRYN KRAKOFF

There are many options on how students choose to eat once they move off campus. The key is for everyone to create sort of budget to figure out what to eat and where to get it to stay within their allotted funds.

Every student has a different eating "lifestyle," what they want to spend, and what they have time for.

"I work and have school so I eat a lot of fast food. It's not the healthiest thing but I don't want to spend time making a meal," said Bobby Conner, 21, sports management major.

Others take advantage of their employment.

"I cook sometimes but I normally eat at the pub inside the Union because I work there. It's just really convenient for me,"

said Stacie Nagy, 21, exercise science major.

Many students are focused on eating healthy throughout college. Even small things can make a difference. As hard as it may be, avoid late night snacking and drink water most of the time and limit soft drinks. **Eating a healthy breakfast and limiting fast foods will help as well.**

Since most college students are on a budget, going to the grocery store can really cut down on spending. Pastas and meats that last throughout

the week are great things to cook with as well as fish, eggs and other whole grains. The Center for Science in the Public Interest, an advocacy group for nutrition, health, and food safety, states that whole grain granola bars that are low in fat and sugars help ward off hunger and are good for snacking on. Fruits, nuts, Jell-O, and low-fat pudding can also be good when you're in

a hurry and need something quick to eat.

Plan what you want to get at the grocery store. There are many different things students can get that are fast and cheap. Also, if you have BG Bucks at all throughout the year, places such as Domino's Pizza, Chipotle, Vito's Pizza, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Sam B's Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Pita Pit, Marco's Pizza,

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BY RACHEL AUSPERK

Students who are interested in living off campus and need to sign up for cable and Internet, should check out Frontier Communications if they want to get the biggest bang for their buck.

Frontier Communications is the perfect place for students to get the best pricing deals for cable, Internet, phone services, and more. They have an office in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Frontier is the fifth largest telecommunications company in the United States. They offer a variety of services including broadband, phone, satellite and Internet-based television, wireless Internet data access, security, technical support, carrier services, and bundles of different services.

According to Richard Hutchinson, general manager of Frontier Communications in Northwest Ohio, people buy from Frontier for a variety of reasons.

Hutchinson said Frontier has very competitive pricing against other cable, Internet, and phone service providers.

Frontier understands that college students will not be living in the same house for an extended period of time. The deal they are featuring now is \$34.99 per month for Internet with a four-month agreement for new customers. This deal is perfect for college students since they usually sign a nine-month lease, they can take advantage of this deal by signing up per semester instead of making a long-term commitment to a cable company.

For those who plan to stay in the area for more than a year, there is a great Internet, TV, and phone bundle for \$77.99 per month for the first 12 months. Anyone who switches now can receive a \$450 Apple Gift Card.

This deal would be great for graduate students who do not move around as much to have the credit for an iPad for school while signing up for Internet, TV, and phone.

Prices for their DISH Network Television start at \$19.99 per month. Frontier's DISH service offers Hopper whole-home DVR,

Primetime anytime, and national and regional sports.

Hutchinson said that Frontier understands that students are on a tight budget. They do not need the most expensive, high-speed broadband Internet connection. The three types of broadband Internet services they provide are max, ultra, and ultimate, each

with a different range of speeds. Students who want the cheapest Internet service can sign up for max at \$39.99 per month, but they do provide the new ultimate broadband Internet for those who do not mind paying for the highest speed DSL.

"Frontier has done a significant job of upgrading it's networks over the last couple of years, and now we have speeds that are equal or exceed what cable companies offer of high-speed data, said Hutchinson. "So if you're a student and you want to have a high-speed connection, you definitely want to check out Frontier's pricing."

One of Frontier Communication's new creations is a TV show and movie-viewing site called TumTiki. Anyone can use this service; you do not have to be a frontier customer. TumTiki combines content available from Hulu, Amazon, and other websites to provide a library of 700,000 movies and TV shows. It acts as curator for the largest online video providers, making it easier to find most anything all in one place. Most of the content is free, with some newer movies available at small prices.

Everyone has had his or her own fair share of bad experiences with customer service. What makes Frontier Communications so unique is that they are reliable and dedicated to providing technical support to their customers whenever they need it. Frontier's technical support team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week! They even have technicians available that you can chat with live at any time for any problems you may have.

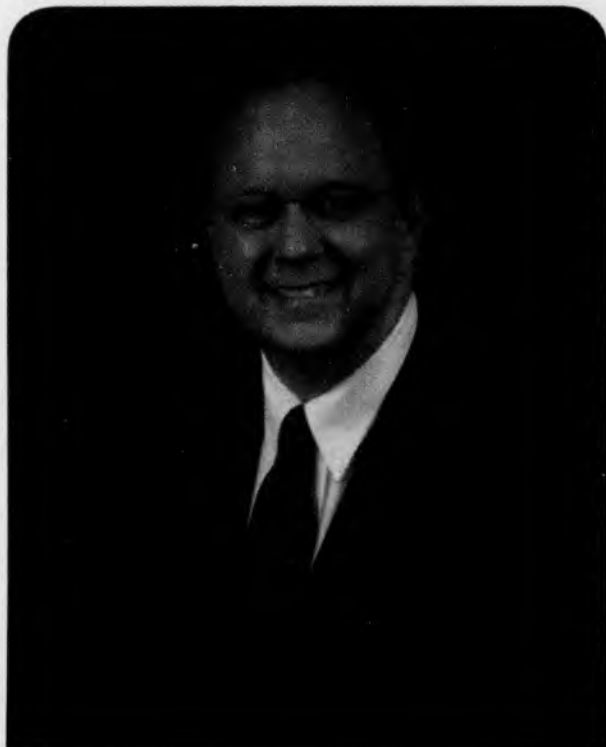
Hutchinson and his technical support staff likes to have a personal connection to their customers and people in the community.

"As the General Manager, I like to go around and build relationships with our customers and people in the community. Some of our customers have such good relationships with our technical support team that they consider them friends," Hutchinson said.

Another great thing about Frontier is that they do a lot of sponsoring with Bowling Green State University. They set up the speakers around downtown Bowling Green for the Black Swamp Festival and the telecommunications when President Obama came to the Stroh Center. They are also the lead sponsor of downtown Bowling Green's Holly Days, and a sponsor of the downtown Farmer's Market, as well as the Winter Market and Call the North Pole Event.

For more information about Frontier Communications, or to sign up for their services, visit www.frontier.com or call 1-888-772-3501.

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Student Legal Services Protects Renters

By: SCOOTER SHENEFIELD

If University students find themselves in a legal bind, Student Legal Services attorneys are here to help. Student Legal Services (SLS) is a non-profit law office that has served BGSU since 1984. SLS currently employs three full-time attorneys that advise and represent over 1650 students each year. Additionally, SLS promotes educational opportunities for the entire student body that are related to legal issues facing college students. The services are available to all main campus University students who have paid the \$7.00 participation fee at the beginning of each semester. The fee is included in a student's bursar bill but can be waived before a semester's onset.

Attorneys at Student Legal Services (SLS) offer students a helping hand in housing related problems. SLS assists students in responding to legal problems that may adversely affect their well-being or interfere with their academic endeavors. The services offered are meant to assist students in resolving problems for which it would be otherwise difficult or impossible to obtain legal services at affordable prices. In this way, SLS helps BGSU to accomplish its goal of fostering a positive living and learning environment for student success and retention.

SLS handles many issues that students may face with respect to housing, including:

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- Security deposit deductions
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A complete scope of services is available on the SLS website.

For a college student, signing a lease is a necessary action with potentially lasting consequences. The lease is a contract that holds the student legally liable for certain obligations. Understanding the major points of the lease contract is important to know before signing. According to Rodney Fleming, Managing Attorney at SLS, once signed, the tenant is required to pay the full agreed upon rental amount over the term of the lease. This can become problematic when leases are signed several months before tenants are supposed to move in. Circumstances can change over the course of those months and some students may decide they do not want to live with each other anymore due to conflict or others may transfer to another school.

It is also important for individuals signing leases to understand the "joint and several liability" clause. In

joint and several liability, everyone that signs the lease is responsible for the entire amount of the lease and the landlord can choose to pursue any one of those individuals or any combination of them. **Students are encouraged to meet with an attorney before signing a lease, to have all terms and issues explained.**

While some housing questions concern understanding the terms of a lease before signing, other questions surface once tenants have taken possession of the unit. Common problems students encounter involve responsibility for repairs. **In Ohio, the law requires a landlord to cover all repairs that make the house or apartment livable.** Additionally, they must ensure that all electrical, plumbing, heating, sanitary, ventilation, air conditioners and appliances work properly. A full list of a landlord's responsibilities can be found on the Student Legal Services website. "Once you give written notice to the



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landlord that a significant problem exists, the landlord has 30-days to fix the problem," explains Fleming. If the landlord fails to fix the problem within 30-days, the tenants have the option to place their rent in escrow. The landlord can fix the problem and have the rent be released from the court, or fight the claims in court. "A court hearing is a time-consuming and expensive process, so landlords typically don't take that route," Fleming said. "Normally, they just fix the problem once a tenant escrows the rent, which is why it is such an effective tool." Repairs to a house or apartment are not covered when tenants cause the damage. If there is evidence that supports that the damage was done by the tenants, they may be required to pay.

Issues that occur on the backend of a lease agreement center on the security deposit and damages to the apartment or house. By law, the landlord has 30-days to send the security deposit back to the tenants. When there is damage to the unit, tenants are required

to receive a security deposit itemization letter with a list of deductions. In some instances the landlord may include charges in excess of the security deposit. "If the deductions or charges are wrongful, we will try to negotiate at first," Fleming said. "If that doesn't work it will go to court."

Often times it is not the charges, but the monetary amount that tenants have issues with. For example, \$20 for a light bulb is clearly too much, and could be reduced with a lawyers assistance, said Fleming. Photographing the house or apartment at the beginning of a lease, and upon surrendering the premises is one way for students to prevent being assessed unfair damages.

Students considering living off campus next year where a lease agreement is required or students with any other housing or rental issues, should contact Student Legal Services. An appointment to meet with an attorney for sound professional legal advice can usually be scheduled within 24 hours.



Pictured: SLS Attorneys, Rodney Fleming, Michael Skulina, and Joyce Nowak

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Moving Off-Campus:

Should You Live With Friends Or Strangers?

By Allison Basile

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experience is a good one, confronting these issues before signing the lease will save you a lot of stress and anger in the long run. It can be tough to address these issues with someone you've not met or don't know very well, but being honest with each other before signing the lease is the most important step.

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The decision of who to live with should not be made lightly, considering things like legally-binding leases, shared bills and shared common areas. So with this in mind, here is a list of 3 important questions you should ask yourself before signing that lease:

- 1 As far as you know, is this person responsible with money? Normally, students have scholarships or loans paying for their dorm room. Apartments are a different story, and if mom and dad are not helping, it could be totally up to you and your roommate to come up with money for rent, utility bills and even groceries. Is this person always asking someone for 5 bucks? If so, this time next year you might be fronting them money for the cable bill.
- 2 Do you share the same core values when it comes to college life? If your potential off-campus roommate is constantly partying while you're constantly studying, this will more than likely not change in off-campus housing. Try to find someone who has the same work-play balance that you do to avoid fights and frustration.
- 3 Will they take the rental lease and responsibilities as seriously as you will? Things like turning heat down when leaving for winter break and turning lights off before going to class are more important to some people than others. High utility bills and property damages add up for all roommates involved, so make sure you're compatible when it comes to these issues.

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1

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2

READ YOUR LEASE
Not all leases are the same
and community/rental rules may be
different from the last place you lived.

3

KNOW WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE LEASE
Be sure you know what utilities and
extra fees you may have to pay and budget
for these additional expenses.

4

Before committing to a place to live,
write down a list of questions
you would like to ask.

5

KNOW THE AREA
Is it quiet? Is the location
convenient for your needs?

6

VISIT THE APARTMENT OR HOUSE
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and parking. Drive by at night and
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